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TO AMEMBASSY TOKYO IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: LETTER FOR AMBASSADOR HODGSON

REFTEL: TOKYO 12356

1. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR REVIEWING THE FOLLOWING LETTER
WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MIYAZAWA.

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR JIM: AS YOU MAY KNOW, THE
INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION MUST RENDER A DECISION NO
LATER THAN MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH ON ITS INVESTIGATION OF
WHETHER THERE IS NO REASONABLE INDICATION OF INJURY FROM
IMPORTS OF AUTOS SELLING AT LESS THAN FAIR VALUE. I, OF
COURSE, DO NOT KNOW WHETHER THE RESULT WILL BE AFFIRMA-
TIVE OR NEGATIVE, BUT A NEGATIVE FINDING WILL RETURN THE
CASE TO THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT FOR INVESTIGATION AS TO
WHETHER IN FACT SALES AT LESS THAN FAIR VALUE HAVE TAKEN
PLACE. AN AFFIRMATIVE FINDING WOULD DISCHARGE THE CASE AS
FAR AS ITC AND TREASURY ARE CONCERNED. RECALLING MY
ASSURANCE TO FOREIGN MINISTER MIYAZAWA THAT WE WOULD KEEP
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IN CLOSE TOUCH ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL CONCERN, I WOULD APPRE-
CIATE YOUR ALERTING HIM TO THIS ANTICIPATED DECISION AND
ITS IMPLICATIONS SO THAT THEY WILL NOT COME AS A SURPRISE.
THE DUMPING ALLEGATIONS, OF COURSE, HAVE BEEN DIRECTED ONLY

AGAINST THE PRICING PRACTICES OF EXPORTING AUTOMOBILE COMPANIES AND IN NO WAY CHALLENGE THE TRADE POLICIES OR PRACTICES OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF OUR TRADING PARTNERS. IN THE CASE OF A NEGATIVE FINDING AND SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATIONS BY THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT AND THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE JAPANESE AUTO INDUSTRY WILL HAVE EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT THEIR VIEWS. PLEASE ASSURE FOREIGN MINISTER MIYAZAWA OF MY CONTINUING CONCERN FOR THIS MATTER AND CONVEY TO HIM MY WARMEST REGARDS. SINCERELY YOURS, FREDERICK B. DENT. END TEXT.
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